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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2833
Docket No.: 1713.1004**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Junichi AKAMA, et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on January 25, 2005. It is noted that this response is being filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the Office Action mailing date.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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